

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby proposes to amend Chapter 84, "Financial Incentives for National Board Certification," Iowa Administrative Code.

2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 108, sections 6 and 7 (Iowa Code Supplement section 256.44(1)), phased out financial incentives provided to Iowa teachers who become certified in the future by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. A teacher must have registered for such certification by December 31, 2007, to qualify for the reimbursement award under rule 281—84.3(256). In addition, a teacher must have registered for such certification by December 31, 2007, and have achieved certification within the timelines and policies established by the national Board to be eligible for the annual award under rule 281—84.4(256).

An agencywide waiver provision is provided in 281—Chapter 4.

Interested individuals may make written comments on the proposed amendments on or before September 16, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. Comments on the proposed amendments should be directed to Kevin Fangman, Administrator, Division of PK-12 Education, Iowa Department of Education, Third Floor, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146; telephone (515)281-3333; E-mail kevin.fangman@iowa.gov; or fax (515)242-6025.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 256.44(1).

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 281—84.1(256) as follows:

281—84.1(256) Purpose. National Board Certification (NBC) is available to teachers nationwide and requires candidates to demonstrate their teaching practice as measured against high and rigorous standards. NBC teachers enhance the educational experience of their students and motivate fellow teachers toward excellence in classroom teaching. These rules implement the two financial incentive pilot programs enacted by the Iowa legislature to increase the number of NBC teachers in Iowa.

NOTE: Pursuant to Iowa Code Supplement section 256.44, the financial incentives for NBC teachers are available only to teachers who registered for national board certification on or before December 31, 2007. Funds are available to honor the registration reimbursements in rule 84.3(256) and the annual awards in rule 84.4(256) for eligible individuals.

ITEM 2. Amend paragraph **84.3(1)"e"** as follows:

e. The individual completes the department's application process, which includes submitting verification of NBC registration. The teacher must have registered with NBPTS no later than December 31, 2007.

ITEM 3. Amend subrule **84.4(1)**, as follows:

84.4(1) Eligibility. Individuals In addition to having registered with NBPTS no later than December 31, 2007, and achieving certification within NBPTS-established timelines and policies, individuals eligible for the NBC annual award shall meet all of the following qualifications: